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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 539
By Turner (Shelby)

A RESOLUTION to designate Saturday, May 6, 2000 as "Fisk University, Class of 1975 Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, the 1975 graduating class of Fisk University will celebrate their 25th class reunion on Saturday, May 6 of this year; and

WHEREAS, the occasion will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present, and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, the graduating classmates of 1975 from Fisk University persevered through their college years and became valuable, contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, the silver reunion will take place amid the Fisk University Reunion weekend on May 5-8, 2000 at Loews Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel and is being coordinated by class agent, Ms. Thelona Manning, who is tirelessly working at making the momentous event a memorable one for her classmates; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Manning is assisted by Reverend John H. Winston III, Michelle Roberts Morton, Tyronne Dixon, Linda Taylor Knight, Hermine Harris Pinson, and Deborah Hill Biggers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Manning and the rest of the reunion committee are anticipating 150 members to attend the reunion; and

WHEREAS, the weekend will allow former classmates to renew old friendships and acquaintances, as well as form new ones. Other activities planned for Fisk University alumni include, a Harlem Renaissance seminar, a midnight alumni cruise aboard the Opryland General Jackson Showboat, a millennium reunion photo, a silvers' luncheon for the Class of 1975, class reunion meetings, class reunion photos, a pre-gala social, a gala banquet, and a performance by the world-renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Class of 1975 have worked hard in their chosen professions and have raised their families to do likewise, while always showing love and respect for their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, the Fisk University's 1975 graduating class extends their love and appreciation to the teachers and administration who have made Fisk University such an exceptional institute of higher education; and

WHEREAS, as the celebration of the Fisk University Class of 1975's 25th reunion approaches, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to recognize this special group of people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby designate Saturday, May 6, 2000 as the "Fisk University, Class of 1975 Day" in honor of the 25th reunion of the 1975 graduating class of Fisk University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

